

A thorough enforcement of the anti-lottery law is urged on postmasters and all other postal employees in a general order promulgated by Postmaster General Cortelyou. The order says that the terms of the law bar "endless chain," enterprises, so called "gift concerns," or similar enterprises offering prizes dependent on lot or chance, including "guessing" or estimating contests for prizes, as well as drawings and raffles of every kind, whether general or local, for money or otherwise, for private gain or in aid of charitable, educational, or religious objects. Newspapers printing advertisements or news items relating to any of the prohibited enterprises subject themselves to exclusion from the mails.

One of the last and important acts of the legislature was the passage of the measure providing for the submission to the people of the question of calling and holding a convention for the revision of the constitution. THE TIMES believes the question should be submitted every year until passed, and also that it is just a tendency to vote down amendments and changes that has caused the defeat of this proposition before, and that when thoroughly discussed and thought about before being voted upon there will be no question as to its passage. The work of a convention would save an extremely large amount of legislation from session to session; would do away with the necessity of passing many laws that are of doubtful stability and later declared unconstitutional and put the state on an up-to-date basis possible in no other way.

A dispatch from Pontiac to the Detroit Free Press states that Cong. S. W. Smith will go to Washington "very shortly, where he will take up the matter of solid rural mail delivery for the entire sixth congressional district. Three of the five counties of the district now have it, and if he succeeds in securing it for the other two it will be the first district of the state to secure solid rural mail service." In this instance the hustling congressman of the sixth district will have to take off his hat to Congressman Fordney. Three of the four counties in his district already have county delivery and Special Agent Pond has been at work in this county two months mapping it for the service. Shiawassee has practically had full county service for some months as the work of Col. Pond to date does not indicate a possibility of putting in more than four additional routes. So far as rural delivery is concerned but few districts in the entire country can equal the eighth.

New Substitute Clerk and Carrier.
As a result of the recent civil service examination for the position of substitute clerk or carrier at the Owosso post office, Ralph Mahaney, W. F. Alexander and Vernon Fulmer secured the highest rating. Mr. Mahaney expects to enter college in the fall and did not care to accept one of the places, and the appointment as substitute carrier has been given to Mr. Alexander and substitute clerk to Vernon Fulmer.

Elected Grand Warder.
At the election of officers of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Michigan held in Detroit yesterday, Geo. T. Campbell, of this city, was elected Grand Warder after a spirited contest, there being six candidates. This means that Mr. Campbell will ultimately become Eminent Grand Commander of the State—an honor which any Knight Templar might covet. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. Campbell on his success.

New Postmaster at Bennington.
On Friday last C. E. Shaw, postmaster at Bennington, forwarded his resignation to the department at Washington. Friends of E. J. Curtis and C. E. Snyder at once started petitions asking for their appointment. Both were well endorsed, the petitions from the local patrons of the office being nearly evenly divided, and either would have been acceptable to practically all of those doing business at the Bennington office. Mr. Snyder has been recommended by Cong. Fordney and his appointment will be made within a few days.

Uncle Sam's Red Tape.
A dispatch from Battle Creek states that citizens watch with much interest both the progress and delay of the work upon the new postoffice building. It is the city's first experience with government buildings and the red tape is mystifying. For over two weeks the work has been at a standstill because the report has not been received from Washington authorities on the quality of the cement to be used. Everything has to be submitted to a test, hence the delays. The cellar of the new building has been excavated and the Bedford stone to be used in the construction of the main building has arrived and the stone cutters are at work.

The annual meeting of the Owosso Sugar Co. is to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., June 30th.

Postmaster Clark, of New Lothrop, was in the city yesterday.

CALL FROM CALUMET.

Rev. Carlos H. Hanks Given Urgent Call by Congregationalists of that City.

After calling together his trustees and the members of the prudential committee Sunday, Rev. Carlos H. Hanks, pastor of the Congregational church in this city, announced that he had under advisement a very urgent call from Calumet. The announcement came as a great surprise to all of Mr. Hanks' Owosso friends. No decision has as yet been reached by him regarding the acceptance of the call.

Mr. Hanks' acquaintance with the people of Calumet began through the state military circles. He is chaplain of the third regiment of which Company H of this city is a part. Through these associations Mr. Hanks became acquainted with the officers and men of the Calumet company and as a result of these acquaintanceships he was invited to make the Memorial Day address in Calumet this year. During his visit to that city he also occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church. The call which he has just received is one of the results of the good impression he made during that visit as well as during his service at the state encampments.

It is reported that both from the stand point of salary and opportunity the field at Calumet has strong attractions for a man of Mr. Hanks' ability and energy. At the same time Mr. Hanks has assured his friends here that no increase in salary however inviting will enter into the determination of acceptance in the slightest degree, and to make this point even more emphatic he announced that he will not accept an increase in salary here this year even if he decides to stay whether this increase is offered him either before or after his decision. He is determined that the question shall be decided solely on the ground of possibilities for greater usefulness. There are many friends who hope that the claims of the Owosso field upon Mr. Hanks will prove strong enough to hold him here for a long time to come. At the same time they realize that he alone can decide where it is his duty to work. The Owosso church was never before in as good condition as today and officers and members alike feel that it cannot yet spare him without too great a cost. Outside of the church, too, Mr. Hanks numbers many friends among business, fraternal and military men, who sincerely hope that he will decide to remain in this city. At the same time, without exception, they congratulate him on the compliment to his work and ability which the call brings to him whether he accepts it or not.

Where They Will Go.

The teachers of the city schools have already begun to scatter for the summer vacations. Where they will spend the heated months, so far as arrangements have been made, is given below:
Central School—Supt. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons leave next week for the Pacific slope. They will spend a week at Yellowstone Park en route, and will visit all points of interest so far as possible, in the coast states. Prin. L. H. van den Berg to Grand Haven with his family, later going to Houghton Lake to fish, returning to Owosso in August. J. L. Thalman will go to his home near Cincinnati and returns in a few days and goes to Ann Arbor to be assistant to Dr. Burns of the botany department of the U. of M. summer school; Miss Ballard, Ann Arbor and Asbury Park, N. J., where she will attend the National Educational Association; Miss Hartsorn, California. A. P. Temple leaves at once for Stevens Point, Wis., where he is to be married next week. Miss Beth Hume goes to her home in Lansing for the present. Miss Mary Lyon goes home to Toledo; Miss Morrice to Perry; Miss Bailey to Elsie; Miss Walker to her home in Washtenaw.

Grades at Central—Miss Teachout goes to Ionia, Miss Wilbur to Springfield; Misses Marble and McCullough will visit California; Misses Ayres, Carpenter, Gilson, Hookway and Payne will remain in Owosso; Miss Witt goes to Almont, later leaving for a stay of several weeks in Boston and the Adirondacks.

Bryant—Ray E. Allen, Oxford; Miss Stearns, Deerfield; Miss Mason, Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore.; Misses Graham, Parker and Gooding arrangements not made.

Washington School—Mrs. Langerwisch, Big Rapids; Misses Derham and Sullivan, Macatawa Park; Miss Katon, Greenville; Miss Miller, Chesaning; Misses Young and Regna, Corunna; and Miss Carson, Owosso.

Emerson School—Miss Miller, Niagara Falls and Owosso; Miss Griffith, Lansing and Toledo; Miss Arnold, Ovid and Belding; Mrs. Cooke, Saginaw and Lansing; Miss Greene, Marshall and Kalamazoo; Misses Welton, Clapp and Hume, Owosso.

Emmett T. Bowen, manager of the big Prairie farm, says that the water has not been as serious at the farm as some reports have had it. In fact, he says that if no more rain of consequence comes he will be able to get some good crops this year. Sugar beets may be planted as late as June 20, and with normal weather do finely.

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their diplomas. He said that the establishment of Normal schools did not supply the demand for teachers as it became necessary to have a new corps about every three years, the others taking up in the majority of cases private kindergarten work. This was the first class under the new system and he was proud of them and of the city and the county because of their having taken up and completed the work.

Mr. Kelley gave a very pleasant talk to the audience particularly to the fathers and mothers of the graduates, telling them that it should be their proudest claims that they had brought to this event a daughter or a son. He entertained the people with a number of good stories, congratulated Owosso on its leading schools and on the fact that it secured good teachers and kept them. The exercises were closed with the class song, after which Rev. R. O. Cooper gave the benediction. THE TIMES congratulates the school board, the superintendent and the faculty in the years work, none ever having been more satisfactory to the patrons of the school, and we also congratulate the class believing they have done most thorough work, done it cheerfully and with high ideas and the intention of making use of all the good they have obtained from four year of faithful work.

The Election of School Trustees.

The bill which recently passed the legislature changing the method of electing trustees of the Union School districts is as follows:

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Sections two and four of act number three hundred sixty-eight of the Session Laws of eighteen hundred seventy-one, and acts amendatory thereof, entitled "An act to incorporate the union school district of the city of Owosso," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. At the annual meeting of said district, to be held on the second Monday in July in the year nineteen hundred five, the qualified voters thereof shall elect by ballot two trustees for the term of three years, who with the four trustees holding over shall constitute a board of education of six members for the said district, and annually thereafter said district shall elect two trustees for the term of three years, and all trustees shall hold their office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The manner of electing said trustees shall be by ballot from two o'clock in the afternoon of the day and at the place of holding such annual meeting of said school district until eight o'clock in the evening of said day. The two members of said board whose term of office last expire shall constitute an election board for said district, with all the powers conferred upon election boards at annual elections held in the city of Owosso. A ballot box for the deposit of ballots shall be furnished by said board of trustees; said election board shall keep a poll list of all persons voting at such elections and shall receive the ballots and deposit all legal ballots in the ballot box or boxes and immediately after the closing of the polls at eight o'clock p. m. shall canvass the ballots and certify the result when ascertained to the presiding officer at such annual meeting, who shall immediately declare the result of such election to the annual meeting. The two persons receiving the highest number of votes at such election shall be declared elected, and in case there are more than two trustees to be elected at any election in said district the persons receiving the highest number of votes to the number of such trustees to be elected shall be declared elected.

Section 4. Said board shall have power:

First. To appoint a superintendent of schools, and to define his powers and duties;

Second. To hire all necessary teachers and to fix the amount of compensation for such services;

Third. To classify and grade the several schools and determine the ages, qualifications, and terms for admission thereto, and the conditions for remaining therein, and which schools or departments scholars shall attend;

Fourth. To make such rules and by-laws as they may deem necessary for the preservation of the district, for the government of the schools thereof, and in reference to all other matters connected therewith;

Fifth. To adopt courses of study and text books;

Sixth. And to levy and collect such sums as they may deem proper for the tuition of each and every scholar taught in said schools, who is not actually a resident of the district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Will E. Collins & Co. the reliable druggists of Owosso are having calls for "HINDIPO," the new kidney cure and Nerve Tonic that they are selling under a positive guarantee.

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DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Experts Do a Clever and Successful Job at Vernon.

Three expert criminals landed in Vernon sometime early Friday night and about 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning pried open a side window near the rear of H. B. McLaughlin's store and evidently with the finest of tools drilled holes in the fire proof vault doors of Garrison & Sargent's Exchange Bank, and slipped back the bolts on both sets of vault doors and then with nitro-glycerine blew the safe door into hundreds of pieces—the charge being so powerful that the explosions not only completely wrecked the door but blew the safe over on its face. This was apparently the only error in their calculations as they were compelled to secure a crowbar from the railroad shed and pry the safe up a few inches, at a time until they could get at the contents—using day books and ledgers as props. The crowbar which was new, was bent over one-third together. The robbers took only the money, \$1800 of the firm's, \$110 and \$453.45 in stamps, which Postmaster Lindley had in a box there, taking no papers or books and nothing from the large and varied stock of goods in the store.

In preparation for their escape the robbers had gone to H. B. McLaughlin's barn, laid horse blankets on the floor, hitched up Mr. McLaughlin's well known team of fine driving horses to his canopy top carriage and driving out quietly, hitched them where they could reach them before any one else could in case of alarm. Having secured the booty the robbers drove rapidly north and west and passed through Corunna about 4:00 o'clock Saturday morning being seen there by persons who knew the team. Their route after going into the main portion of Corunna is not certain, but they drove back east and arrived one and a half miles south of the court house at Flint in time to secret themselves in a grove before being seen by passers by or those living near. The booty was evidently divided there and the robbers took different routes and escaped. Quite an amount of mutilated coin, bills and postage stamps were left where the team was found Monday morning by a German farmer living near the grove, who notified the chief of police immediately and Mr. McLaughlin hurried to secure them, finding them in much better condition than might have been expected and none the worse for their hurried trip and lack of food, the brides not having been removed. Mr. McLaughlin says the price of the team has gone up from \$500 to \$700 since the robbery, as he realizes that none but the best of animals would have come out of such an experience in perfect condition, and he never realized until he called out their names where they were found, how well they knew him and liked him and what faithful servants they had been.

The total loss is about \$3,000 including the destruction of the safe and the loss to Postmaster Lindley. The bank's loss is entirely covered by insurance with the Fidelity and Casualty Co., of New York, and the government will undoubtedly stand the postmaster's loss, the bank's vault having been the regular safety deposit for the postoffice for years and report having been made to the inspector as to its being the place of deposit.

The bank has ordered a new screw door safe with a time lock, similar to the one in use in the Corunna bank, from the National Safe & Lock Co., of Cleveland, and preparations are being made to have it installed immediately.

The burglars left behind a portion of The Toledo Bee of May 12, containing railroad time tables, the paper evidently having been wrapped around the soap that was used; the syringes with which the nitro-glycerine was put in and a cold chisel and about fifty feet of surgeon's bandage cloth and nine small bladders were also scattered about the room. About \$35 in silver fell on the floor under the broken pieces of the door and were overlooked—the coins being badly bent out of shape, while portions of a \$1.00, a \$2.00 and a \$20.00 bill were also found on the floor.

It is beyond the comprehension of most everybody how the store could have been broken into, the pounding and drilling done and four or five explosions occurred without arousing someone, especially as three men slept in a house less than 100 feet from the window where the robbers entered. One of these men says he heard a peculiar noise but made no investigation, and a school boy returning from a banquet, heard a peculiar whistle but did not think of burglars, simply hurrying along home, being somewhat frightened.

The adjusters for the insurance company were prompt in their investigation and made a complete and satisfactory adjustment with the losers.

Married, June 8th at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. F. G. Morrice, Bennington, Mr. D. B. Perry, of West Bay City, and Miss Effa Manning, Rev. A. O. Alexander officiating. The bride, who formerly resided in this city, has been musical director in the schools at Red Wing, Minn., for some time, while the groom is a well known druggist in West Bay City. Friends in Owosso join us in extending congratulations.

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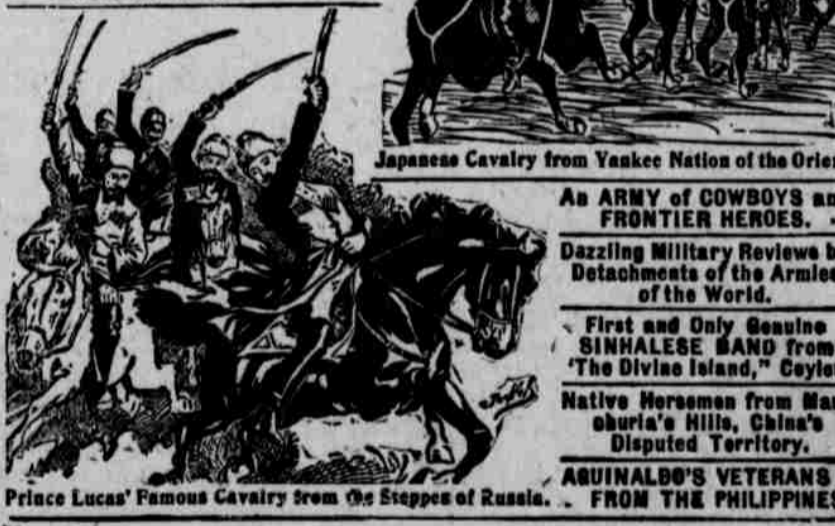
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